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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LORETTA PUTSCHER,

CASE NO. 2:13-cv-01509-GMN-VCF

Plaintiff,

VS.

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JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER

SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG CENTERS, INC.; and DOES I through X, inclusive jointly and severally,

Defendants.

Following pre-trial proceedings in this cause,

IT IS SO ORDERED:

## I. STATEMENT OF THE FACTS/CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES

This matter is a personal injury action arising out of a slip and fall that happened on July 14, 2011. Plaintiff Loretta Putscher is seeking damages against Defendant Smith's Food and Drug Centers.

## II. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

Plaintiff is a resident of the State of Nevada. At the time of filing of the Complaint Defendant was a Foreign corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada.

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Plaintiff seeks more than \$120,000 in past medical expenses, plus additional money for pain and suffering. As such, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00. Diversity jurisdiction is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332.

#### THE FOLLOWING FACTS ARE ADMITTED BY THE PARTIES AND III. REQUIRE NO PROOF

- 1. Venue is proper.
- 2. This lawsuit arises out of an accident that occurred on July 14, 2011.
- 3. Plaintiff was inside the Smith's grocery store at 6130 W. Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada when she allegedly fell on a liquid near the produce section.

#### THE FOLLOWING FACTS, ALTHOUGH NOT ADMITTED, WILL NOT BE IV. CONTESTED AT TRIAL BY EVIDENCE OF THE CONTRARY

None.

### V. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ISSUES OF FACT TO BE TRIED AND **DETERMINED UPON TRIAL**

- 1.) Whether Defendant Smith's was negligent and whether such negligence was a proximate cause of the accident.
- 2.) Whether Plaintiff was comparatively negligent and whether such negligence was a proximate cause of the accident.
- 3.) Whether Plaintiff suffered injuries as alleged, and whether those injuries were proximately caused by the accident.
- 4.) The amount of compensatory damages to be awarded, if any.

#### VI. ISSUES OF LAW TO BE DETERMINED AT TRIAL

- 1.) The issues of law raised in the parties' anticipated Motions in Limine.
- 2.) The issues of law raised by the parties at trial.
  - (a) The following exhibits, though not agreed as admissible evidence in this case, are subject to be used by the parties. The parties will work to refine a list of exhibits.

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| (1) | Plaintiff's exhibits             |  |
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|     | [See attachment of all exhibits] |  |

- (2) Defendant's exhibits

  [See attachment of all exhibits]
- (b) As to the following additional exhibits the parties have reached the stipulation stated:
  - (1) To be determined.
- (c) As to the following exhibits, the party against whom the same will be offered objects to their admission upon the grounds stated:

The parties reserve the right to object to the exhibits. The parties agree to preserve any such objection until seven (7) days prior to trial. As noted, the parties will work to refine a list of agreed exhibits. Further, the parties agree that each evening they will exchange the exhibits that they plan to use the following day so that any exhibit disputes/objection can be addressed by the court each morning before trial resumes.

- (d) Depositions: The parties intend to offer live testimony of designated witnesses at trial. In the event that the parties are unable to call a witness and most offer deposition testimony in lieu of live testimony, the parties reserve the right to supplement this pre-trial order to designate deposition testimony to be read at trial.
- (e) Objections to depositions:
  - Plaintiff objects to Defendant's depositions as follows:
     To be determined.
  - (2) Defendant objects to Plaintiff's depositions as follows:
    To be determined.

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|   | 2              | VII. | THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES MAY BE CALLED BY THE PARTIES AT TRIAL:  |
|   | 3              | (a)  | Plaintiff's list of witnesses:  |
|   | 4<br>5<br>6    | 1.   | Plaintiff LORETTA PUTSCHER c/o RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM 801 South Fourth Street Las Vegas, NV 89101  |
|   | 7<br>8<br>9    | 2.   | Defendant SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG CENTERS, INC. c/o Jerry S. Busby, Esq. Cooper Levenson April Niedelman & Wagenheim, P.A. 6060 E. Elton Avenue, Ste. A Las Vegas, NV 89107 |
| 2 | 11<br>12       | 3.   | Courtney Putscher 513 Heddell Court Las Vegas, NV 89118   |
|   | 13<br>14<br>15 | 4.   | Dominque Putscher<br>513 Heddell Court<br>Las Vegas, NV 89118   |
|   | 16<br>17       | 5.   | Dr. Andrew Cash, M.D., P.C.<br>9339 W. Sunset Road, Ste. 100<br>Las Vegas, NV 89148   |
|   | 18<br>19<br>20 | 6.   | Adam Hjorth<br>Swainston Consulting Group<br>1541 Little Dove Court<br>Henderson, NV 89014  |
|   | 21<br>22<br>23 | 7.   | Person Most Knowledgeable for<br>Dr. Mario Tarquino<br>3111 S. Maryland Pkwy., Ste. 200<br>Las Vegas, NV 89109  |
|   | 24<br>25<br>26 | 8.   | Person Most Knowledgeable for<br>Spring Valley Specialty Pharmacy<br>2725 S. Jones Blvd., Ste. 101<br>Las Vegas, NV 89146   |
|   | 27             | 9.   | Person Most Knowledgeable for<br>Spring Valley Hospital<br>5400 S. Rainbow Blvd.  |

Las Vegas NV 89118

| 1  | 10. Person Most Knowledgeable for                                       |
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| 2  | Select Physical Therapy   |
| 3  | 5380 S. Rainbow Blvd., Ste. 100<br>Las Vegas, NV 89118                  |
| 4  | 11. Person Most Knowledgeable for                                       |
| 5  | Valley Anesthesiology Consultants<br>P.O. Box 400310                    |
| 6  | Las Vegas, NV 89140   |
| 7  | 12. Dr. Stuart S. Kaplan  |
| 8  | Western Regional Center for Brain 3061 S. Maryland Pkwy., #200          |
| 9  | Las Vegas, NV 89109   |
| 10 | 13. Person Most Knowledgeable for                                       |
| 11 | The Bone and Joint Institute<br>2779 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Ste. 200   |
| 12 | Henderson, NV 89052   |
| 13 | 14. Person Most Knowledgeable for                                       |
| 14 | Coronado Surgery Center<br>2779 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Ste. 140        |
| 15 | Henderson, NV 89052   |
| 16 | 15. Person Most Knowledgeable for                                       |
| 17 | Surgery Center of Southern Nevada<br>2110 E. Flamingo Rd., #109         |
| 18 | Las Vegas, NV 89119   |
| 19 | 16. Dr. Marjorie Belsky Integrated Pain Specialists                     |
| 20 | 9333 W. Sunset Rd., Ste. A<br>Las Vegas, NV 89148                       |
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| 22 | 17. Person Most Knowledgeable for<br>Las Vegas Radiology                |
| 23 | 7500 Smoke Ranch Rd.<br>Las Vegas, NV 89128                             |
| 24 | Eus Vogas, IVV 57125  |
| 25 | 18. Dr. William S. Muir<br>653 N. Town Center Drive, #210               |
| 26 | Las Vegas, NV 89144   |
| 27 | 19. Person Most Knowledgeable for                                       |
| 28 | Desert Radiology<br>2020 Palomino Lane, Ste. 100<br>Las Vegas, NV 89106 |
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| 1  | 20. Person Most Knowledgeable for                       |
| 2  | Primary Care Consultants                                |
| 3  | P.O. Box 778346<br>Henderson, NV 89077                  |
| 4  | 21 Power Most Vnovdedgeeble for                         |
|    | 21. Person Most Knowledgeable for Neck and Back Clinics |
| 5  | P.O. Box 36853  |
| 6  | Las Vegas, NV 89133                                     |
| 7  | 22. Person Most Knowledgeable for                       |
| 8  | Shadow Emergency Physicians P.O. Box 13917              |
| 9  | Philadelphia, PA 19101                                  |
| 10 | 23. Person Most Knowledgeable for                       |
|    | Walgreen Pharmacy                                       |
| 11 | 1901 E. Voorhees St.                                    |
| 12 | Danville, IL 61834                                      |
| 13 | 24. Person Most Knowledgeable for                       |
| 14 | Walmart Pharmacy 7200 Arroyo Crossing Parkway           |
| 15 | Las Vegas, Nevada 89118                                 |
| 16 | (b) Defendant's list of witnesses:                      |
| 17 | 1. Loretta Putscher, Plaintiff                          |
| 18 | c/o RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM<br>801 South Fourth Street  |
| 19 | Las Vegas, NV 89101<br>(702) 444-4444                   |
| 20 | 2. Kevin Spencer c/o Smith's Store No. 351              |
| 21 | 6130 West Tropicana Avenue<br>Las Vegas, NV 89103       |
| 22 | (702) 876-6757  |
| 23 | 3. Jessie Herbias c/o Smith's Store No. 365             |
| 24 | 6150 West Flamingo Road                                 |
| 25 | Las Vegas, NV 89103<br>(702) 876-6757                   |
| 26 | 4. Richard M. Dix, M.D. P.O Box 50129                   |
| 27 | Henderson, NV 89016<br>(702) 499-6260                   |
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5. Gary A. Presswood, ScD, PE
The Accident Expert
8635 West Sahara Avenue - #435
Las Vegas, NV 89117
(702) 233-8516

The parties agree that the witness and exhibit list may be amended as required before trial.

## VIII. TRIAL DATE

The parties agree on the following dates:

January 26, 2015, February 17, 2015 and March 2, 2015.

## IX. TIME FOR TRIAL

It is estimated that the trial herein will take a total of seven (7) days.

| DATED this 15th day of July, 2014. | DATED this 15th day of July, 2014. |
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|                                    | /s/_ Jonathan R. Hicks, Esq        |

## X. ACTION BY THE COURT

**THE COURT HAS READ** the foregoing *proposed* Joint Pretrial Order (ECF No. 22) submitted by the parties to this action on July 15, 2014, and hereby makes the following Orders:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the *proposed* Joint Pretrial Order (ECF No. 22) submitted by the parties is hereby **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Status Hearing has been scheduled before the Honorable Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge, on <u>Friday</u>, <u>July 25</u>, <u>2014 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.</u> in Courtroom 7D of the United States District Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16th day of July, 2014.

Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge United States District Court